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Dr. Henry Kennedy read a paper on the progress of epidemics.

The object of this paper was to show that a great general law existed, which appeared to regulate the progress of all the more wide-spread epidemics which have passed over Europe within authentic records ; that this law exhibits a progressive movement, and that this movement is from east, or south-east ; to west, or north-west.

The paper was illustrated by a printed chart, which offered, in one view, an outline of almost all the great epidemics of which there is any account. The writer further showed that, in the diseases of the lower animals, the same law also obtained, and that in America the same had been observed when the vegetable world was affected with blights.

Notice was likewise taken of the fact that great cold had, on different occasions, been found to move from east to west.

From these several facts the writer concluded that some general law exists, regulating the progress of epidemics ; and that the existence of this law must alter materially the views commonly held on the spread of epidemic sickness by either famine or contagion.

The writer confined himself exclusively to the consideration of the general law, and said he hoped to be allowed, on some future occasion, to make some deductions from it.

The President exhibited a diagram, representing the oscillations of the barometer from December 18th, 1845, to the present date.

The Secretary read a letter from Robert James Graves, Esq., M. D., containing a development of the method by which he proposes to prevent the waste of water, by evaporation, from tanks and reservoirs, in hot climates.